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Israelis Welcome Soviet Moves To Ease Tensions

By CHARLES GAMZEY

Israel welcomed the surprise Soviet moves to lessen tension in the Middle East.

Russian Ambassadors in Israel and Egypt met with Israel and U.A.R. Foreign Ministers trying to pacify the Mid-East which flared up again in recent weeks after a long period of tranquility.

Both meetings were said to have taken place at request of Soviet diplomats acting on instructions from Moscow.

ISRAELI FOREIGN Ministry circles at week's end were still speculating on the motive behind the sensational Soviet move. Many informed observers feel that the Soviet Union regards open conflict in the Middle East as an unsuitable backdrop for the coming Summit conference.

Israeli quarters hailed the Soviet move but pointedly remarked that the Communists have fomented tension in the area since 1955 when Communist bloc arms started pouring into Arab countries. Israelis find it a bit difficult to believe that the Soviet Union has overnight become the guardian of peace in the Middle East.

Before the amazing Soviet move, U. A. R. President Nasser spent a busy week loudly proclaiming that Israeli ships and cargoes will never go through the Suez Canal and warning the Western powers not to interfere in the Syrian-Israeli dispute.

He also accused Israel of mobilizing troops on the tinder-box Syrian border.

ISRAELI Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir answering Nasser's threats said: "Whatever happens, the day will come when ships sailing under the Israel flag, carrying Israel cargoes, will pass through the Suez Canal, like those of other nations."

The courageous stand of the Danish Inge Toft, now back in Haifa after nine months of detention in Port Said, as well as that of the Greek ship Astypalea still in Port Said, were clear evidence that Israel has no intention of giving up any right which other nations enjoy, Mrs. Meir forthrightly said.

"OUR STUBBORNNESS might sometimes be unpleasant for some of our friends. Nor had we any illusions that the struggle would be easy, in a world that does not dare speak up against Nasser's wanton actions. But we will not give up," she declared.

Mrs. Meir expressed her admiration of Captain Schultz's stand and the crew of the Inge Toft.

Israeli Foreign Ministry circles see Nasser's new statement on the Suez Canal as clear-cut evidence that United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld failed in his latest effort to persuade Nasser to again allow cargoes originating in Israel to go through. Hammarskjöld announced at United Nations headquarters that the situation in

the Middle East was "deteriorating." He indicated that it might be time for the Security Council or the General Assembly to take up the U.A.R. bar of Israeli shipping through Suez.

Last fall, Hammarskjöld deterred Israel from appealing to the United Nations against the exclusion of Israeli shipping by urging the Israelis to wait and see what he could accomplish with Nasser. The U. S. State Department at the time also urged Israel to "leave it to Dag."

Even Hammarskjöld, not particularly noted for an over-zealous attitude on procuring Israel's transit rights through the Suez Canal, now believes the time is ripe for United Nations action.

The London Times editorially commented that the question of Nasser not allowing Israel ships and cargoes to pass through the Suez Canal can no longer be left to the "discreet private negotiation of Hammarskjöld, if the Security Council is not to appear completely helpless."

SECRECY VEILS TALKS AS LEADERS DECIDE CONTROL OF FUNDS

By GERSHON JACOBSON

NEW YORK (P.O.)—Top-level Jewish Agency and United Jewish Appeal leaders met in super-secret sessions to decide the future distribution of UJA funds to fulfill U.S. Government tax requirements.

William Rosenwald, Morris Berinstein, Joseph Meyerhoff, Max Fisher represented the UJA. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Zalman Shazar, Rose Halperin and Emmanuel Neumann represented the Jewish Agency.

THE PRESS was banned from all meetings. The leaders stated the secrecy of the negotiations was due to the delicacy of the discussions and "are not of any interest to the public at this stage."

The Big Four on each side discussed:

(1) Ways to comply with U.S.

Treasury Department requirements so the UJA can maintain its tax-exempt status.

(2) The future leadership of the new American Agency.

Jewish Agency officials regard the outcome of discussions as a major Ben-Gurion-Goldmann victory.

According to these well-informed sources, Ben-Gurion will achieve, with this new setup something he has been striving for in past years — the breakdown of the fragmented Israeli political parties.

BY TAKING away allocations from opposition parties, formerly supplied by the Jewish Agency, Ben-Gurion hopes to create a more stable political climate by eliminating the splinter parties.

Informed sources doubted the parties left without Jewish Agency allocations to keep them alive could raise necessary funds on their own.

Goldmann's victory was explained as a back-door way of enlarging the Jewish Agency by bringing in new forces of non-Zionist leadership under the new set-up.

What Goldmann was unable to achieve through the President's Conference, he will be able to do now by eliminating Zionists from the Jewish Agency and filling up the rank and file with UJA leaders and others — not specifically Zionist.

THIS STRATEGY was underlined by the absence of President's Conference president Philip Klutznick, in the super-secret discussions.

It was also learned that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is not participating in the discussions.

NO ONE here could actually tell why the meeting was under such a rigid ban that the negotiators were unable to even talk to their own people on what took place behind closed doors. According to one of the participants Goldmann expressed "great satisfaction that nothing was leaked to the press."

Although the leaders refused to divulge anything about the discussions they did confirm the two news reports which appeared in The POST and OPINION (Feb. 12, 19) as being "quite accurate" and "on the right track."



Navy Withdraws 'Haifa Clause'

WASHINGTON (P.O.) — The U. S. Navy's public relations standing increased somewhat after withdrawing from contracts with private shippers a clause which implied appeasement of the Arab blockade of Israel.

The "Haifa clause" as it is known in shipping circles foreclosed any Navy oil cargo shipping contract to U.S. shippers engaged in business with Israel.

At Press Conference

EISENHOWER CLOSES DOOR ON ARMS TO ISRAEL

President Eisenhower in answer to POST and OPINION Washington Bureau Chief, Lillian Levy, states that America will not supply Israel with arms.

"Lillian Levy of The National Jewish Post and Opinion—Mr. President, in a speech recently, Senator Javits said that it would be in the best interests of this country to join with Israel in a mutual defense pact. He pointed to the fact that Soviet arms and military personnel are flowing into the Middle East Arab countries, and expressed the view that a defense pact with Israel would serve as a deterrent to any Soviet-inspired or encouraged Arab military action there. In view of present tensions in the area, would you comment on Senator Javits' recommendation?"

A.—Well, I don't know exactly the—as a matter of fact, I didn't read this particular recommendation. I have heard similar ones from many people. The United States, as a matter of policy, has never been a major supplier of arms for Israel, and doesn't intend to be, nor to any other country in the area.

As a matter of fact, I went to the United Nations and, making a talk about the whole Mideast situation, said if these countries could get together in any kind of a program or plan for economic development of the whole region, the United States would be greatly interested in dealing with the whole group.

Now, with regard to the allegations of the arms the Soviet are sending in there, of course they have. We know they've been in the area, but Israel has also been getting arms from Britain and France for a long time and, frankly, I think we're sending arms to enough nations, really. I think let somebody else carry a little responsibility."



Romance Above The Clouds

Twenty-three year old Danny Strashes, an El Al steward who met his bride Judy Goldberg, 20, in an El Al Britannia eight months ago and kept up flying visits with her after her return to the States, finally convinced her to come to Israel to announce their engagement. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg met the Strashes family at a swank engagement party in the Dan Hotel. The wedding will take place at the Waldorf Astoria on March 13, but Strashes will not give up his career as an El Al steward, and will bring his wife to Israel on his next flight.

Jewish Conversation Revolves Around Mores of Surroundings

Editor's Note: Four months ago we ran the latest classic Harry Golden plan: "The Golden Plan for Greater Prosperity in Israel." He declared Israel should send Generalissimo Franco of Spain a bill ("our historians can arrive at a fair estimate."), for the property and wealth expropriated by the Spaniards from the Jews during the Spanish Inquisition, 1491-1506. We had many requests to run some more Golden gems and we happily comply.

At every level of our culture we reflect the habits and mores of the society that surrounds us. I watch this carefully when I go out in the country making speeches.

For instance, in Palm Springs all the Jews were talking about the Ryder Cup Golf Matches in Milwaukee, the year before, the Jews were all hot and bothered about the World Series and the Braves. While I was in Milwaukee, Hank Aaron had broken up a ball game with a home run and the folks were flushed with victory that evening. One elderly lady said to me in Yiddish: "A leben uff zein schawartzen keppele" (A long life to his little black head).

The same thing happened the

year before in Kansas City. Kansas City had just acquired a major league baseball team — the Athletics — and like the rest of the city, the Jewish middle class was beside itself with joy. I was sitting on the dais with the dignitaries prior to making a speech when I noticed that a note was handed by an usher to a man in the last row. From hand to hand the note went, through 40 rows of people, until the chairman on the dais, who accepted it and solemnly read its contents. In 15 minutes another note made its way from the usher over the 40 rows up to the chairman. Again he read the note solemnly. After finishing it he walked purposefully to the lectern and announced loudly: "End of the sixth inning Kansas City Athletics 4. Washington Senators 0." I said to myself, "What did they need me to make a speech for?" They could sit here and pass these notes all night.



Golden

IN HOUSTON, Tex., it is football. At a banquet one of the guests rose and in a resonant voice read out all the football scores. He rattled off the scores of at least 40 games before he was interrupted by an anonymous voice from the rear of the dining hall: "You're wrong. They played Baylor last week." The score keeper corrected himself and said yes, that was right, they played Baylor last week.

In Augusta, Ga., after the speech and at the reception, all the folks were comparing putting

strokes. They had heated discussions and not a few times, the crowd formed a circle to watch a particularly vociferous debater illustrate what he meant.

This, of course, is the Eisenhower influence.

How To Judge A Rich Town

No matter what the town, village or city I visit, there are two statements I know I am bound to hear.

THE FIRST will be that "This town contributes more money per capita to the annual UJA drive than any other town in America." This may or may not be true. Anyway, the UJA is not anxious to correct this mistake. If people are charitable, there is no reason why they shouldn't be indulged in thinking they are the most charitable.

The second statement is always, "This is a rich town; there's a lot of money here."

But I know the difference between a town that is rich and a town that says it's rich. I have an infallible method for determining this and I do not need census or income tax reports either.

THE PRIMARY difference between a town that really has money is whether or not you can get a shoe shine easily.

I have been in Hartford, Conn., a town with 67 major insurance companies. The Post Office daily delivers more money throughout this city than is delivered in any other in the world. Everyone will tell you, "There's a lot of money in Hartford." This doesn't mean that residences have the money. They don't. There's only one place in Hartford to get a shine. All those insurance presidents either go to work with dusty shoes, shine them themselves, or wear sneakers.

In Lake Forest, Ill., supposedly the richest suburb in the world, you can't buy a pair of shoes, let alone get a shine.

In Louisville you get a genuine

Golden Explains Success Of 'Jewish Best-Sellers'

(Editor's Note: The sky-rocketing sales of the "Jewish best-sellers" has amazed many observers. Harry Golden, some-

what of an expert on the subject, discusses the best-sellers.)

There is no mystery about the "Jewish best-sellers." Herman Wouk is selling thousands of books of "Only In America" and "Exodus." It is as simple as that. For my own part, I was influenced in turn, by Saul Bellow and Bernard Malamud, who began to write our "story," straight, without inhibition, so to speak. For 50 years Jewish writers were addressing themselves to a narrow audience.

THEY GAVE every impression that they were writing about something "peculiar," "enigmatic," "mysterious," "special," and if the non-Jews don't see it, so much the better. Or they devoted themselves to apologetics (we've got great basketball players, great songwriters and we loaned money to George Washington), and only a few Jews read this stuff to each other in the lodge hall. I told the story straight, and the Lutherans in the Northwest, the Scotch-Irish in Georgia, and the Italians in Connecticut write me: "You are writing about my mother; you have described the home I knew as a boy."

THE LONDON Literary Review says these writings are "toward America, and away from Judaism." Nothing can be further from the truth. First we must analyze what they mean. "Away" from what Judaism? From Williamsburg in Brooklyn, or from the Ryder Cup matches in Palm Springs, or from the two or three contributors to the Montgomery, Alabama White Citizens Council, or from the several million secular Jews in America who are groping in the dark for something to hang on to.

Bellow, Malamud, Uris, Wouk, and (immodestly) I, are, indeed giving them the something to hang on to: not pride or an ethnocentrism which is evidence of self-hatred, but the awareness of an unending tie with history — survival.

The Hard-of-Hearing Clothing Salesman

My subscribers and fellow P. S. 20 Alumnus, Mr. Simon Magnus, reminds me of another bit of salesmanship in those stores where they bought Hymie a suit for his bar mitzva.

THIS WAS the "hard-of-hearing" clothing salesman and he flourished mainly on Stanton Street. Here is how he operated. A customer was trying on a few suits and every question he asked had to be repeated three times. The salesman cupped his ear, distorted his features, trying desperately to make out what the customer was saying. "What did you say? Please repeat it! I am very hard of hearing!" Finally the customer picked a suit he liked and now for that big moment. "How much?" The "deaf" salesman yelled to the back. "Louis, how much for number 2734." And from the back came the voice, very loud so the customer heard it clearly, "Sixty-five dollars," and the deaf salesman with a straight face turned to the customer and said, "Thirty-five dollars," whereupon the customer pulled out \$35, grabbed the suit without waiting for it to be boxed and ran off with his big bargain, while Louis and the "deaf" salesman went out to Davis' Saloon for a cold beer.

A Land Without Shikshas

A land without Shikshas (Gen tile women)—amazing! In America a fellow can emphasize his Jewishness by marrying a Shiksa. But in Israel without shikshas, there is a very great danger of those folks eventually losing their identity as Jews.

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THE EDITOR of the Observer, David Astor, told the London Jewish Chronicle that "we shall do all we can" to have the "religious clause" removed from the deed.

Astor said: "It is the intention of the trustees to apply to the courts to have this clause removed." He said if the courts do not grant the removal of the clause consideration will be given to an attempt to have it removed by a special Act of Parliament.

The editor said that the clause had been inserted in the deed by his father, the late Lord Astor, with the intention of insuring the freedom of expression of the paper, the London Jewish Chronicle reported.

Now Everybody Will Know Who I Am

PHILADELPHIA (P.O.) — The Philadelphia Exponent tells the story of a famous rabbi who was approached by a committee to leave his congregation and become the rabbi of their congregation in a nearby community. They offered more opportunity for service, more time for study and writing. The rabbi decided to accept, providing the new congregation voted unanimously for his appointment.

The committee excitedly returned to their congregation confident that the vote would be enthusiastically unanimous for the famous rabbi.

A meeting was called, a closed ballot taken, and the vote was unanimous except for one negative vote. Amazed and disappointed, the committee called for an open vote. This was done, and everyone voted for the rabbi, except one almost completely unknown little man.

"What do you have against this great rabbi?" he was asked.

"Nothing," he answered.

"Then why are you voting against?"

"I'll tell you. My name is Bendel Kophocker. I have a small shop and make a small living. All these years nobody ever heard of me. From now on, everyone in this town will know who Bendel Kophocker is!"

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Lydda airport runways will be extended to 6,400 feet this summer and to 10,000 feet in about a year.

'The Knute Rockne' of Soccer Is An Israeli National Hero

TEL AVIV (P.O.) — A year ago Giula Mandy the world famous Hungarian coach, set rabid Israeli sports fans back on their ears.

The day he took over the sorry Israel national soccer (called football everywhere but the U. S. and Canada) Mandy forthrightly said: "For me there is going to be no politics in Israel soccer. I am interested only in the best players."

FOR MANDY to make this kind of statement against the background of politic-ridden Israeli sports scene was like Richard Nixon announcing his withdrawal from the presidential race. It hit the Israel public like a bombshell.

Before Mandy took over, the situation had got so bad that a team's starters was picked on the basis of party affiliation — not ability.

MANDY'S 'new look' paid off when after a series of disillusioning international defeats, Is-

rael's revitalized squad won the Asian West Zone Soccer Tournament. Mandy became as well known a household word as Moshe Dayan in Israel.

Under Mandy's leadership, Hungary was undefeated for five years. He went to Israel after the Hungarian revolution.

Alaskan Synagogue Joins Reform Movement

ANCHORAGE (P.O.) — Congregation Beth Shalom, the first Alaskan synagogue has joined the Reform movement. The synagogue was founded a year and a half ago.

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dean, Professor M. Rachmilewitz said here. The ratio in America that get into medical school is one out of every two applicants.

Although Israel has an abundance of doctors, few young doctors want to practice permanently in the border settlements and outlying areas.

Bond Delegates Hear Dayan, Truman

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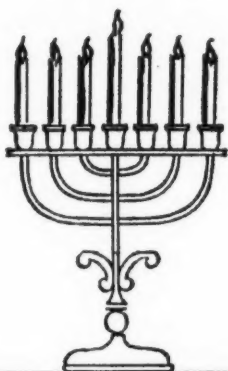
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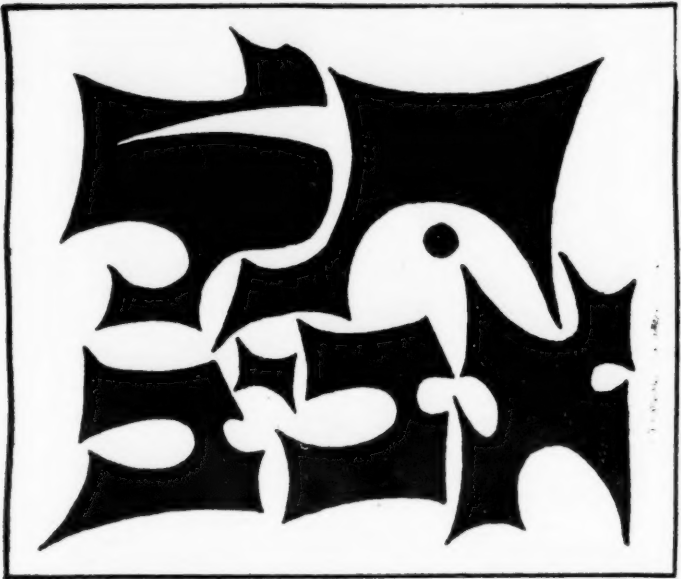
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Rabbi Says Inter-Dating Is Common In Suburbia and Almost Accepted

By STUART DIM

NEW YORK (P.O.)—"Intermarriage is not on the increase—and may even be decreasing" in suburbia. But, "inter-dating is very common and almost an accepted thing," according to Rabbi Ralph Weisberger, of Temple Beth Shalom here.

Suburbia, he said, "differs from the large city" both negatively and positively. On the one hand, "There are fewer potential mates of one's faith" and consequently a "greater possibility of intermarriage."

BUT BECAUSE the small-town Jew is a "member of even a smaller minority" than his large-city brother, it "becomes a matter of self-respect and pride to remain a recognized member of the Jewish community and to share its fate and ideals."

"Because there are fewer Jew-

ish mates to choose from in suburbia, parents insist that their children befriend non-Jews for only friendship's sake," the rabbi said at the Conference on Intermarriage and Jewish Life here. Jewish teens are rarely ever permitted to get serious.

Rabbi Isaac N. Hrainin, advisor on religious affairs for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, supported Rabbi Weisberger's contention:

"TAKING OUT a Christian girl in a small community brands you in the eyes of your Jewish neighbors and people do not let their daughters go out with you. In a city such as New York where one can live for 20 years without knowing his neighbor, social, moral and ethical disciplines are not as strong as in smaller communities."

Jewish community projects, he said, perform many vital serv-

ices. They give suburban Jews a chance to make Jewish social contacts and maintains for them a "feeling of pride and dignity as Jews." As few as 20 families have been known to band together and build and maintain a Synagogue in a suburban area.

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Says New Scrolls Finds Have No Historical Importance

PHILADELPHIA (P.O.) — The fragments of two Biblical Scrolls found in a cave in the Israeli desert by an Israeli archaeology team have no historical value, according to Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, leading authority on the History of the Second Jewish Commonwealth.

The Dropsie College Professor of Rabbinic Literature told The POST and OPINION that the two paragraphs of the phylacteries found in the desert show no evidence of the century in which it was buried.

The New York Times reported that the Israeli archaeologists claim that the two parchments date back to the Second Century and that they belonged to the followers of Bar Kochba, who led the revolt against the Romans.

ZEITLIN said, "Very likely the two parchments of Tefillin deteriorated and that the parchments were buried in a Genizah." A Genizah is the customary burial ceremony of old and worn religious books and articles and is still practiced today. "The cave was a depository. People did not live there. It was a Genizah. It has no historical value."

TO SUPPORT his contention that the parchments have no scientific value, Zeitlin pointed out that only two of the four paragraphs of the Phylacteries were found. If there were any real historical value to the find, then what happened to the other two "Parshos?" This proves that the parchments were merely buried because of old age, at a much later date than that claimed, for its origin.

The world famous Talmudic authority reiterated his claim, that the Dead Sea Scrolls are of no historical value. Asked what

should be done with the Dead Sea Scrolls, Dr. Zeitlin stated that "they belong in the place where they came from."

British Jewry Only Interested In Money Own Children: Granville

LONDON (P.O.) — The Jewish writer and artist has no place in the fabric of the Anglo-Jewish community which is "polarized around materialism and familism," Brian Granville writes in the British monthly Encounter.

The British Jew's central interest is his children and he has little respect for the creative person, the well-known writer stated.

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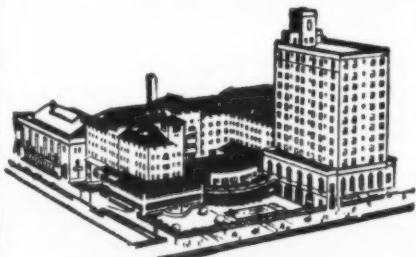
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Levin May Sue Screen Writer Over Film, 'The Burning Sands'

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Meyer Levin, who seems to have a penchant for legal battles, is considering whether to sue Raphael Nussbaum, who he claims plagiarized his work to make the film, "The Burning Sands."

Levin, a best-selling novelist and screen writer, who now lives on a kibbutz, urged the Israeli government to prevent the showing of "The Burning Sands" on grounds that it is a "cheap, anti-Israel production."

LEVIN TOLD the Jerusalem Post that the film "shows Jews

arming themselves to cross the Jordan border in order to steal and could not be better propaganda for Nasser."

The picture was shot in the Negev and in Jordan. It revolves around the many Israeli youths who dangerously across the Jordan border to visit the ancient Petra ruins.

DARRYL B. ZANUCK of 20th Century Fox has bought Levin's script for the filming in Israel of "Ballad of the Red Rock." Both films deal with Petra in southern Jordan. Juliette Greco, the sultry French actress will star in Zanuck's picture.

Levin told the Jerusalem Post that while in Paris last summer, he heard that Nussbaum also planned to make a film about Petra. Levin said he contacted

him, suggesting an exchange of scripts in order not to overlap.

Levin said Nussbaum agreed. He sent his script to Nussbaum but never got the American author's script.

The author of "Compulsion" was involved in lengthy legal battles over the play "Diary of Anne Frank."

Says U.S. Jews Want To Live Innocuously And Silently

LONDON (P-O)—Martin Peretz of the London Jewish Chronicle assessing the mood of U.S. Jewry wrote: "Is it not possible that American Jewry wants to be innocuous and inoffensive, distinctly respectable and silent? We shall attend synagogue and country club with quiet, well-behaved children and when we

American Businessman Laughs At Arab Boycott Threat; Wins In End

NEW YORK (P-O)—The Near East Report relates the story of a New England businessman who had refused to yield to the Arab boycott. His company had received a letter of credit from Syria requiring certification that it would not use Israel products or ships that traded with Israel.

Since the businessman didn't use Israel products or use ships that traded with Israel anyway, he was in a position to easily comply with the Arab certifica-

tion. There was \$100,000 at stake. But he deeply resented this attempt to involve him in an economic war with Israel. He turned the Arabs down cold.

In a clear cut example that the way to break the Arab boycott is to resist it, the New England company last week received a "correction from Syria, eliminating the certification."

Help Israeli Blind Girls

NEW YORK (P-O) — Various skills that will help blind girls in Israel lead productive lives will be initiated by the Women's League for Israel.

Digest of The Yiddish Press

HITS CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION'S DEFENSE OF VIRGINIA BIGOT

By SAMUEL SILVER

Jacob Glatstein, of the Day-Journal, bemoans the prostitution of the cause of free speech when it is invoked by Jack Paar for the right to tell a story which is in wretched taste. He sees the same debasement in the fuss about free speech raised by the American Civil Liberties Union which rushed to the defense of George Rockwell, the Virginia bigot.

when an indignant person tore from his hands an anti-Semitic leaflet he was distributing on a street in Washington, D. C. Glatstein's disgust is deepened by the fact that the ACLU secured two Jewish lawyers to represent the unspeakable Rockwell.

THIS ACTION was followed by a decree by the Washington police to the effect that the Rockwell was not to be molested when he dispensed his "literature." Glatstein notes that there is a ban on pornographic material in Washington because it incites to lust, but pamphlets which incite to murder are O.K. Thus are precious ideals burlesqued, writes Glatstein.

THE RABBI who inspired Sammy Davis Jr. to turn Jewish was Rabbi Alvin Fine, of San Francisco, according to an article in Ebony magazine which is digested by the Forward's M. Cedar. Fine did not suggest conversion to Davis but what he told the Negro dancer, who was convalescing from an injury which cost him an eye, about Judaism proved to be the determi-

nant in his conversion. Both Jack Benny and Jerry Lewis dissuaded Davis from taking the step, but he did so anyhow. (And engendered a spate of stories not mentioned by the Yiddish writer. Examples: 1) Asked by a golfing partner what was his handicap, Davis replied, "I'm colored. I'm Jewish and have only one eye; 2) Reproached for becoming affianced to a non-Jewish girl, Davis retorts: "A lot of Jewish boys marry shiksas.")

ONE MAN who believes that Nelson Rockefeller still wants the Republican nomination this year is Col. Arthur Levitt, the only Democrat to win a state office in the face of the Republican sweep of New York. A thorn in Rockefeller's side, Levitt, a decorated veteran of both world wars, is the first Jew to serve as New York Comptroller. He has been carrying on a battle with Gov. Rockefeller over state finances and told the Day-Journal's S. Z. Zuckerman that he was nettled over the governor's attempt to eliminate him in a reorganization plan secretly drawn up by New York Republicans.

Levitt was guest of honor at a recent Democratic gathering at which Sen. John Kennedy was the principal speaker. Since he is the best vote-getter the Democrats have in New York State, it is understandable that Levitt (who is a former temple president and active in all Jewish organizations) should be considered as a possible candidate for mayor of New York City or governor of the state. Asked about this, Levitt told Zuckerman he was flattered, but was greatly enjoying his work as chief finance officer of the state and watchdog over the Rockefeller administration. z

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Galician Leader In America Dies

NEW YORK (P.O.)—Herbert Sussman, founder and president of the United Galician Jews of America, chairman of the Landsmanschaft division of the United Jewish Appeal and a member of the executive division of ORT, died here this week. Sussman after the war headed a commission investigating conditions among Jewish survivors in Poland.

El Al Founder Dies

TEL AVIV (P.O.)—Abram Rywkind, 53, founder of El Al airlines, died. He was 53.

The Deputy General of the airline was stricken while working on negotiations to purchase jets

for El Al. He organized the famous ceremony in Tel Aviv's Municipal Museum where Premier Ben-Gurion proclaimed the State of Israel.

Robert P. Cable

Robert P. Cable, president of the Cable Rainwear Co., and widely-known philanthropist, died at the Beth Israel hospital in Boston, at the age of 68. He was a founder of Brandeis, and of Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and a trustee and active worker in many religious and civic groups.

MAURICE ERSTLING

NEW YORK (P.O.)—Maurice Erstling, founder and former

Israel Army Becomes Fashion Conscious

TEL AVIV (P.O.)—The rugged Israel Army is becoming fashion conscious. A "new look" for men and women soldiers of the Israeli Army will be developed with the aide of leading Israeli fashion designers.

The biggest revolution is expected in headwear, the Jerusalem Post reports. The old jaunty

berets are out. The women will probably get a cross between a man's felt hat and a tembel hat, a style that was popular in Europe last year.

The women's uniform will have

a more elegant and slim line, the Jerusalem Post reports. The Commander of the Women Corps, Dina Werth, said, she didn't consider the present uniform for the girls feminine enough.

The men's uniforms will, for the first time, include a belted jacket instead of a battle dress.

The proposed fashion changes have aroused many heated debates among those most directly concerned — the soldiers themselves.

Josephine Baker Raising Son As Jew

CHICAGO (P.O.)—In a self-evident answer to an item by a nationally syndicated columnist that Josephine Baker, the famed long-time Follies Bergere star, is anti-Semitic, it turns out that she is raising a son, one of her 11 adopted children, as a Jew. Her adopted five-year-old boy is named Moses.

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Tuesday, March 1, 8:30 p.m. The Real Issues in American Jewish Community: What Are The Jews? Lecture by Rabbi Ira Eisenstein. Herzl Institute. Public invited.

Wednesday, March 2, 6:15 p.m. Development of the Great Jewish Communities in Poland, Lithuania and the Ukraine in the 16th Century. Lecture by Dr. Meyer Kreeger, 92nd st. "Y". Admission \$1.

Wednesday, March 2, 8:30 p.m. Midweek Forum: Committed to What? Probing the American Jewish Writer Today. Symposium by Charles Glicksberg and Harold Ribalow. Herzl Institute. Public invited.



SHOSHANA DAMARI

New Revue But Shoshana Still Star

Leo Fuld, the singing-owner-host of the Israeli Cafe Sahbra is presently featuring a new addition of his elaborate revue, with Shoshana Damari still the headliner.

Biblical Themes Shown At Exhibit

NEW YORK (P.O.)—Paintings derived from Biblical themes and sculptures portraying Old Testament figures will be on exhibition over the weekend at the Village Temple, 33 East Twelfth Street.

The first exhibition of its kind at the temple, "Judaism in Art," was arranged by Alfred Van Loen with the work of 21 artists.

The show has such works as a calligraphic piece by Ben Shahn, a carved head of "Moses" by William Zorach, a huge "Eternal Flame" in ebony by Peter Lipman Wulf, mosaic pictures by Miriam Sommerburg and "Jacob" a sculpture by Mr. Van Loen.

Other artists represented are Chaim Gross, Nathaniel Kaz, Bertram Goodman, Elias Newman, Jacques Lipschitz and Ruth Vodicka.

'The Crystal Heart' Panned By Critics

New York stage critics panned "The Crystal Heart," a musical comedy which opened last week at the off-Broadway E. 74th St. Theatre.

Brooks Atkinson in the Times: "Lacks that final fillip of imagination and daring that can translate a good idea into inspired madness."

Frank Aston in the World Telegram and Sun: "If you can spell out much point to any part of the show, you're sharp."

Herald Tribune: "Let us . . . Just forget the whole thing."

Antique Judaica Shown At Garden Feb. 28-Mar. 6

The 100th birthday of Theodor Herzl, father of the Jewish National Homeland in Israel, as well as an extensive exhibit of antique Judaica, will be one of the features of the National Antiques Show at Madison Square Garden which runs from February 28 through March 6.

The Herzl exhibit created by the Theodor Herzl Institute, will contain memorabilia, documents, photographs and works of art connected with Mr. Herzl's life and life's work. One item in the exhibit is a mute prophecy of the success he could hardly hope to foresee, a memorandum written by him which says "If I wish to summarize the Basil Congress in one word—which I shall be aware of pronouncing publicly—it is this: In Basil I founded the Jewish State should I announce this aloud today universal laughter would answer me perhaps in five years, but certainly in Fifty Years everybody will recognize it."

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THE WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

JEWES SEEM TO BE HAVING SMALL FAMILIES THESE DAYS

By HELEN COHEN

I had decided to stay out of the recent controversy on birth control since I felt I had already had my say on the subject, but as you can see I've changed my mind.

My position, if you recollect, was that the adherents of birth control may have begun with a worthwhile and even noble purpose — the welfare of mothers and the children they brought into the world — but that the idea was being sadly abused, as any thinking person must concede when he sees healthy parents, who have the financial means to care for larger families, limiting themselves to two or three children.

WHY THIS was so was another matter. I felt that perhaps it was simply that while we're so busy keeping up with the Joneses in everything else, in the same way we're keeping down with the Joneses in the size of our families. Practically nobody else was having more children. It's not easy to be different.

Then too, the woman may be afraid of pregnancy. Let's not kid ourselves; having a baby is not exactly a picnic. (The answer to that might be that everything has its price in this world, and bringing forth a new life just doesn't come cheap.)

OR A WOMAN may not be willing to give of her time and strength (and figure). Or parents may feel too insecure about the future and/or find themselves overwhelmed with the thought of raising the two or three they already have; no one claims raising even one is a breeze.

But I decided that in the Jewish community there was a more significant reason to explain why our grandparents, in much worse economic social circumstances than we are, were still willing and happy to raise their large families, while we are not. (My maternal grandmother had 10.)

ACCEPTING it as the will of God that they be fruitful and multiply (a Divine Commandment), they left the burden of the responsibility in His hands. We, having taken over this responsibility in deciding how many children we intend to bring into the world, are placed in an awesome position and I guess two or three is all we have the nerve to be responsible for today.

AND THAT is the position of all of us, including Orthodox Jewish parents, their leaders' statements notwithstanding. Some leaders have attempted to point the finger at the other groups in the community, as was done about the lack of requests for kosher food on cruises — not us, them — but the facts are too obvious. In today's Jewish community the small family is almost without exception the rule, and you spell it only one way — birth control.

How about someone pointing out that the picture isn't all black and white, that limiting ones family as drastically as is being done here in America, doesn't necessarily always improve the lot of mothers and the children they do have. Consider these bits of evidence:

For several years now I've been hearing about an illness called endometriosis. Cause? Menstruating too regularly. Seems nature didn't have this in mind for women to be doing month after month

for the 30-odd years she is in the child-bearing stage. Symptoms include severe backaches.

MENSTRUATION itself is, I understand, more painful for these same women. My experience, for what it is worth, has been that during the single, teen years, the periods became increasingly painful, but that with continued pregnancies there was a gradual improvement until the point was reached, years ago, when I was hardly aware, as far as pain was concerned, that the time of the month had come around again.

Our grandparents, it is true, had a struggle to procure enough food for their large families. Still we know that their children gave them great happiness. And today? Do you think the lack of worry about enough food for one's small family is an unmixed blessing? Ask the 30 million overweight Americans, including those concerned about their overweight children, which is harder to bear — not enough food to put on the table, or a table (and refrigerator) heaped with tempting dishes and the need to go hungry, and I mean hungry, because one has let too much of such tempting food accumulate around one's middle. Anyone who thinks dieting is fun, let me know.

Then, too, grandma didn't have to worry about camouflaging "left-overs" the next day to make them more attractive.

AND ALL those parents, who lavish everything on their two children including a private telephone with the child's name listed separately in the phone book, think these things are more important and take the place of brothers and sisters? Who, when the child grows up, will be there to share his simchas? Who stands by in time of trouble and sorrow? Not that telephone.

One other item. What was the



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PARENTS DISCOURAGE JEWISH BASEBALL PLAYERS

MINNEAPOLIS (P.O.) — Andy Cohen, second baseman for the New York Giants in the days of John McGraw and long-time minor league manager, said here that the relative lack of Jewish players in professional baseball was not due to bias but to Jewish parents who don't like the idea of their sons becoming baseball players.

charge in that article (P.O., Nov. 6, '59) leveled against the women converging on Miami — that they were lonely, self-centered, self pitying, without purpose? Grandma may have had her troubles as head of the home, including children and children's children, as long as she lived, but these couldn't have been among them.

Mexican Marranos Show Desire To Immigrate To Israel

JERUSALEM (P.O.) — Several hundred Mexican families who claim they are of Jewish Marrano descent want to come to Israel, David Shaltiel, director of the Economic Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, said.

The families, who live in nine remote Mexican villages, are this year sending several of their sons to Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hehalutz Department. The families are all engaged in agriculture, which they also hope to pursue in Israel, the Jerusalem Post reported.

Jews who were forcibly converted to the Catholic faith centuries ago and that many of their ancestors had been burnt at the stake by the Inquisition.

Physically, Shaltiel said, they are indistinguishable from their non-Jewish neighbors. They practice their faith in special houses of worship whose dooposts bear Mezuzot. From time to time they bring down a Mohel from New York to circumcise their sons and teach them the fundamentals of Judaism, The Jerusalem Post reported.

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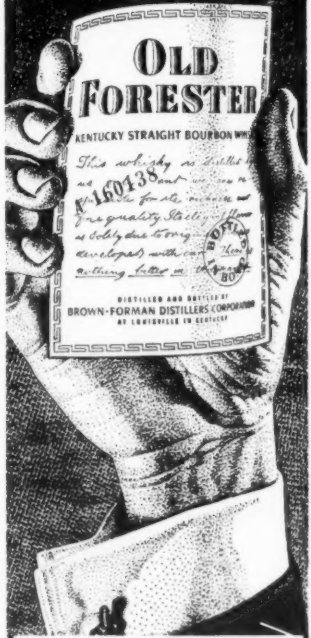
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By LAWRENCE MEYERS

(Mr. Meyers is the Educational Director of Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Ala. He formerly served in the same capacity at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Mr. Meyers is also secretary of the National Association of Temple Educators and past editors of their quarterly journal.)

As often as not the best ideas utilized in religious schools evolve almost by accident. At least, this was the case with the post-confirmation program at Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham.

We had decided to start a post-confirmation program as of September, 1959, in order to further the education program of our youth. This idea is certainly not original. Post-confirmation classes are part of every good temple religious school program. Youth

groups have an important place in temples, but they do not fill the educational gap, especially for those teenagers who seriously want to learn about Judaism.

OF THE 36 students in the 11th and 12th grades of high school, affiliated with our Reform Temple, 18 joined the class. There were three main reasons for the large enrollment. First of all, you can always count on obtaining students for any serious minded class. This probably accounted for about half of the enrollment. Secondly, positions as assistants in the religious school are always sought after and I indicated that preference would be given to class members.

Lastly, the National Federation of Temple Youth of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations offer special recognition to those youth groups which are outstanding and a good education program is one of the prerequisites for this honor. Therefore the Youth League officers helped push the post-confirmation program.

AFTER OUR class began, a thought occurred to me. Why not use this elite group of older teenagers as representatives of the Jewish community to the Christian community? The rabbi and I probably give 200 lectures a year to Christian groups on some aspect of the topic of "What is Judaism?" These teenagers are perfectly capable of speaking about Judaism.

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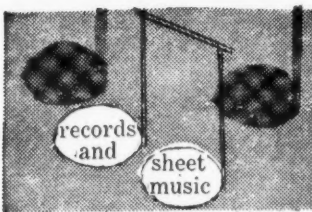
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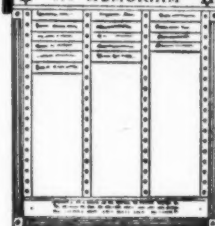
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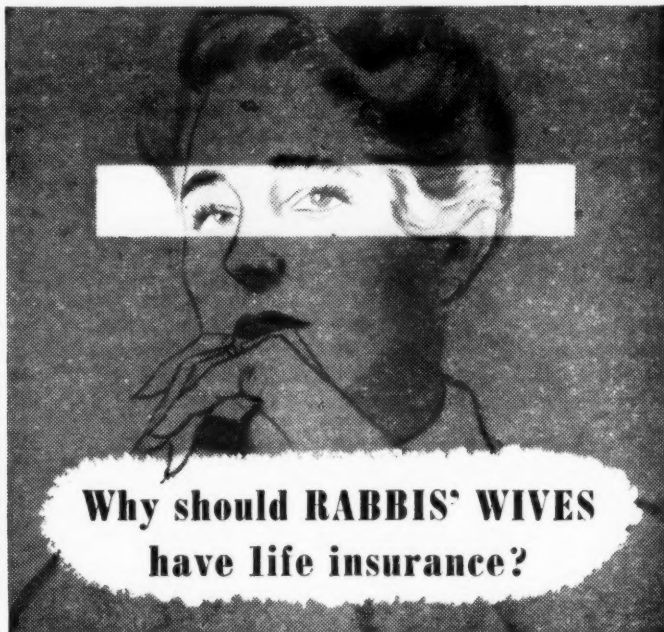
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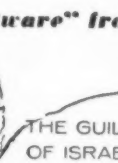
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Balaboostas Face Hidden Barriers In Preparing Meals

By SARAH LIEBER

One of the major irritations of the balabosta is that no one in the family will help her plan meals. Ask the man of the house what he would like for dinner and his answer is most likely to noncommittal. Yet, he'll express himself, if you put something on the table that he just happened to have had for lunch. Or if you prepare something he never had before! The big trick is to please the family with something that seems familiar, yet has a new twist to prevent boredom. Too few of us rely on protein from the waterways, our government tells us. Fish of many varieties abound in the rivers and seas



Sarah

of the United States. The canning industry provides us with a number of easily prepared and delicious fish. Nutritionally, fish is excellent, being low in calories, low in cholesterol, and easily digested. Fish, of course, requires little cooking. As the Department of Fisheries reminds us, fish are tender, because swimming is easy on them and doesn't develop tough muscles. Below are a number of fish recipes for lunch or dinner. Try them in your kitchens and see what the family says. I think they'll be pleased.

FISH TARTS

- ¾ lb. boneless fish, cooked and cut into small pieces
- 1 recipe pie crust
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tblsp. tapioca
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¾ tsp. ginger
- dash of cayenne pepper

Prepare pie pastry as usual. Roll out very thin and cut into six circles, 6 inches in diameter. Line 6 tart tins or large muffin molds with the pastry circles. Set aside. Beat egg yolks slightly and combine with milk, tapioca and seasonings. Cook over low heat until mixture comes to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and add fish pieces. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry, and fold into the mixture carefully. Turn into tart shells. Bake until browned in a 375 degree oven, about 25 minutes. Serve hot. Serves six.

FILLET ALMANDINE

- 2 lbs. fresh fillets
- 1 tsp. salt
- dash of pepper
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup butter or margarine, melted
- ½ cup blanched slivered almonds
- 2 tblsps. chopped parsley

Cut fillets into serving sized portions. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and roll in the flour. Fry in the melted butter or margarine. When fish is brown on one side turn carefully, using a pancake turner or wide spatula. Cooking time should be 7 to 10

minutes depending on the thickness of the fish. Do not overcook. Remove fish as soon as browned, using a hot platter or glass oven proof dish. Fry almond slivers in the remaining fat in pan, until very lightly browned. Add the chopped parsley and pour over fish. Serve with boiled potatoes. Serves six.

SALMON KEBABS

- 2 lbs. salmon steaks
- 1 cup catsup
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 2 tps. salt
- few drops Tavasco
- ½ cup cooking oil

Cut salmon steaks into 1 inch cubes. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over fish and let stand in refrigerator to marinate for 1½ hours. Place fish cubes on 6 skewers, 7 inches each. Place skewers across a baking pan, 10x6x1 inch. Baste with sauce. Bake in 375 degree oven for 20 minutes. Baste once or twice during baking process. Serve with steamed saffron rice, or Spanish rice. Serves six.

HALIBUT HAWAIIAN

- 2 1-lb. halibut steaks
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 cup soft bread cubes
- 2 tblsps. lemon juice
- 1 cup drained crushed pineapple
- ½ tsp. curry powder
- 2 tblsps. melted butter or margarine

Sprinkle the fish steaks with salt. Combine all remaining ingredients except the melted butter. Place one steak in a well greased baking pan. Place stuffing mixture on top of steak. Cover with second steak. Fasten together with toothpicks or skewers. Brush top with melted butter. Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve hot with tomato garnish. Serves six.

BAKED FISH WITH PUFFY CHEESE SAUCE

- 2 lbs. boneless fish steaks
- ¼ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- ¼ cup grated Cheddar type cheese
- 1 tblsp. chopped pickle relish
- 2 eggs, separated
- ½ tsp. salt



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Place fish, cut into 6 portions, in a well greased baking pan, 13x8x2 inches. Combine mayonnaise, relish, cheese, salt and yolks. Beat to blend. Beat egg whites until stiff, and fold in carefully. Cover fish with the sauce. Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, and sauce is nicely browned. Serve with baked potatoes and greens. Serves six.

QUICK SARDINE CASSEROLE

- 3 cans (3¼ oz. each) sardines
- ½ cup sliced onions
- ½ cup sliced green pepper
- 2 tblsps. oil or melted butter
- ¼ cup chopped pimiento
- 1 can (10 oz.) cream of celery soup
- 1 can (5½ oz.) chow mein noodles

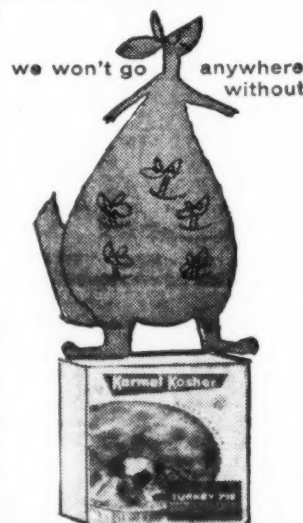
Drain sardines. Reserve 6 sardines for garnish. Flake remaining sardines. Cook onions and green pepper in the oil or butter until tender, but not browned. Combine with all remaining ingredients except noodles. Arrange in layers with the noodles in a well greased 1½ quart casserole, topping with noodles. Garnish with 6 sardines forming a design. Bake 30 minutes at 375 degrees. A good luncheon dish. Serves six.

A Word to the Wives

Do not overcook fish. This makes it dry and unattractive. Low temperatures, and short cooking time are the rule.

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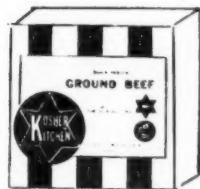
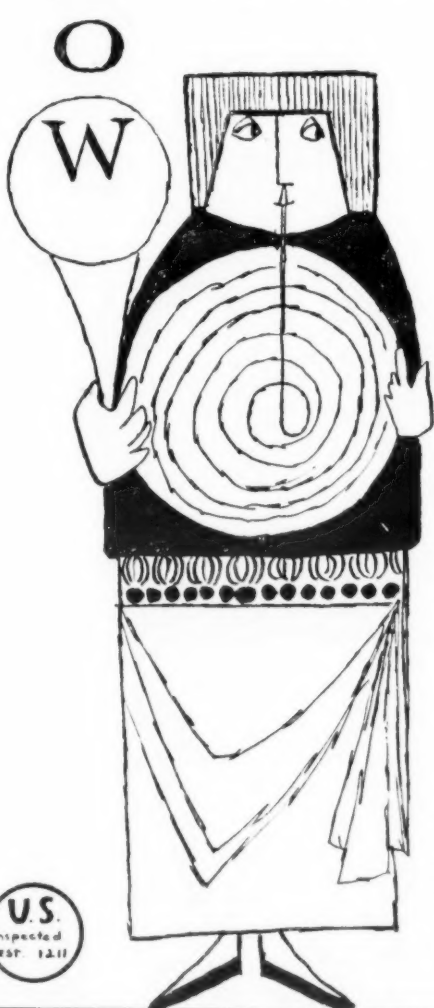
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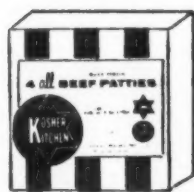


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IT MAY BE that Itzhak der Partisaner was saved and was brought, sound of mind and limb, to Zion and to the earthly portals of heaven, because even though his massive body was steeped in sin, yet his heart remained pure. He was born, through no fault of his own, in the iniquitous Soviet Union. At least, that much may be presumed from the strange jargon he speaks, half-Russian, half-Yiddish. Not much of a talker at any time, he falls into an emphatic silence when questioned about his origins, his early youth.

While Itzhak der Partisaner does not care to blurt out the truth, whatever it may be, neither would he, now that he is a redeemed soul, stoop to telling untruths. No, he says with a deprecatory wave of the hand, he never was a guerrilla fighter—the nickname "der Partisaner" bestowed on him by the Jerusalemites, is mere fancy. He did, though, serve in the Red Army—until such time as he and other Jews were deemed "untrustworthy elements" fit to be thrown into a camp with German and Italian prisoners-of-war.

THERE, IN AN underground inferno somewhere near the banks of the Volga, one day a revolt broke out against the Russian guards. After the rebellion was put down, Itzhak der Partisaner was sent to an ordinary jail. At the end of the war, he was taken out of his cell night after night, to be questioned by the NKVD, who flashed a blinding light in his face. The interrogators got tired before he did. They let him go. He had a brother who owned 500 roubles. Together they somehow got out of Russia and made their way to Yugoslavia.

There they saw a rabbi, and asked to be sent to Israel. The Yugoslav rabbi gave an affirmative nod. Itzhak der Partisaner went through a door with documents bearing one false name, and came out of a different door with papers made out in another false name. And so, together with his brother who was unhappily to die in Israel in a level-crossing collision between a train and a truck, Itzhak der Partisaner came to Jerusalem.

IT WAS A long pilgrimage, not only of the body, but above all of the spirit. Destiny guided Itzhak der Partisaner's steps to Meah Shearim, the inviolable stronghold of sanctity in Jerusalem. It is a wondrous place. The men have untrimmed beards and

long sidelocks; ritual fringes show from under their long, medieval-style caftans, which are black on weekdays, white on the Sabbath; and perched on their heads, are astrakhan fur caps or broad-brimmed, circular, black felt hats, which on festivals are replaced by shtraimlekh, pancake-shaped headgear edged with brown fur. Little boys, too, have long flowing sidelocks reaching down to the shoulder, and wear the baggy knee-breeches to be seen nowhere else in the world any more, except in old Hebrew picture-books printed in Czarist Russia.

THE OLD Jerusalem stone houses, with the steep red-tiled roofs that look incongruously like so many pointed fezzes, with the balconies from which washing hangs, are bejewelled with scores of little synagogues, themselves thickly encrusted with holy scrolls. The narrow alleys, the somewhat more spacious courtyards, rectangular or diamond-shaped, round which the low blocks of dwellings are clustered, the open-air markets shaded by sackcloth against the hot sun, swarm devout folk.

Are all equal in piety? No! Meah Shearim has its upper and nether rungs, like the ladder which Jacob saw in his dreams, with angels climbing up and down between heaven and earth. Many are the good Jews who pray and study, fast and feast, strictly according to the commands of the Torah. Their whole life is spent in devotion.

THERE IS, however, a small sect of even loftier Jews who are not satisfied to work just for their own personal salvation, but are ready, nay anxious, to sacrifice themselves in order to drive back, and if need be to strike down, those wretched Jews who have strayed from the glowing Torah and stumbled in darkness and wickedness. The elite Jews, for the most part as it happens of Hungarian origin, are banded together in a party styling themselves Neutra Karta, that is, the Guardians of the City.

Inscrutable are the ways of Providence.

ITZHAK DER Partisaner was adopted by the Neutra Karta, who to this day employ him as an odd-jobs-man in the service of the Lord. They saw to it that no razor ever again touched his jowl. At their behest, he donned the caftan, put on the big black hat. They married him off to a little slip of a Sephardi woman. She is from Persia, knows no Yiddish; but, as Itzhak der Partisaner remarks with an apologetic grin, "Two animals can always understand one another if they want to." For all his seeming denseness he does have a sense of fun.

Itzhak der Partisaner has brought laughter into Meah Shearim, where countenances are nearly always stern and forbidding. It is not so much he who laughs as the others who laugh—at him. Can it be that he does not fit his part, and is like a figure out of a Purim masquerade?

THERE IS MIRTH wherever he goes. Meekly, Itzhak der Partisaner joins in the perpetual joke at his expense, which for the life of him he cannot make out.

Of a Friday morning, Itzhak

der Partisaner stations himself on a chair outside the ritual bathhouse, to turn an honest extra penny as a barber. He prefers the outdoors to the murky, steamy interior. He sits out in the bright sun, glancing over a Psalmbook, since he has learned to read, laboriously.

Every now and then, he turns his fleshy rose face—it is broader than long—skywards, rolls his wide-set greenish little eyes, and declaims with finality: "I am a penitent. Every Jew must do penance. All is vanity, smoke, trash. May our enemies be smitten. Ay, ay, the Messiah is not far off!"

AND THOSE who overhear him, try not to laugh; but they cannot help it. It must be the extreme, if childish perplexity in the deep wavy lines running across his fat forehead, and in the cast of his big red lips and in every curl of his grizzly black beard and sidelocks that causes so much amusement.

Risible he may be in times of peace; but no one treats him as a fool any more when war breaks out. In the days of wrath, when the Neutra menfolk, preceded by their children, march out of Meah Shearim to protest against such foulness as a mixed bathing pool, when the zealot Davids throw stones at the Goliath-like police who retaliate with loud-speaker pleas and, then, with baton charges and water-hoses; when the forces of light do battle with the demons of darkness; then Itzhak der Partisaner comes into his own. A mighty warrior is Itzhak der Partisaner.

TRUE, since he became a good Psalm-reciting Jew, his muscles have begun to turn to fat. No longer is he able to lift by himself, as if it were a feather, a barrel of gas which ordinarily two hefty men can barely raise from the ground. This latterday Samson lost his strength when he let his locks grow long; but it matters not, so long as his soul is in good hands—hands that

have faltered neither through the centuries nor down the millennia.

For Meah Shearim, which looks like the last relic of the now extinct Eastern European ghettos, grotesquely transplanted to the land of Israel, is the habitat of the oldest Jews on earth—the stiffnecked ones who would not surrender even to the worst persecution in the Diaspora and thanks to whom Jewry survived and the State of Israel (which the Neturai Karta refuse to recognize) was resurrected; and the even more ancient Jews, the frenziedly intolerant ones of Bible days, who by their perverse delight in conflict with fellow-Jews, brought disaster on the Houses of Judah and Israel.

Omaha Synagogue To Acclaim Strauss

OMAHA (P.O.)—Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, special assistant to President Eisenhower on the Atoms-for-Peace-Program and former Secretary of Commerce, will receive the Humanitarian Service Award at Beth Or Israel Synagogue of Omaha.

Abraham Lincoln New Israel Ambassador?

NEW YORK (P.O.)—Readers of the Seattle Times took a second look at this sentence: "Abraham Lincoln, Israel's new Ambassador to the United States, believes peace between the Arabs and Jews in the strife-torn Middle East is inevitable." It may be that they meant Avraham Harman?



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Agonizing Road Toward Learning How to Read Hebrew Braille Told

By MAXINE HOGHMAN

NEW YORK (P.O.) — The thin, frail boy walked slowly into the synagogue and took his place at the altar. This was his bar mitzva — today he was to become a man. He began to chant in a high, frightened voice, and then stopped, uncertain. He bit his lip nervously. Suddenly a wave of strength flowed over him, and he began again. His youthful voice, loud and clear, rang through the synagogue. The tension eased. His parents smiled thankfully. From where they were sitting, they could see his fingers moving quickly and gracefully over the pages of the book in front of him.

The boy was blind.

THE BLIND bar mitzva boy and hundreds like him have been taught how to overcome their handicap and live happy, fruitful

lives by a man who has devoted his life to helping the blind. He is Episcopal Father Harry Sutcliffe, the 34-year-old Director of the Episcopal Guild for the Blind at Christ Episcopal Church in Brooklyn.

Father Sutcliffe taught the bar mitzva boy how to read Hebrew braille because the boy "wasn't well enough to go to Hebrew school."

The boy started learning Hebrew braille when he was 12. Records were used to help him learn the necessary chants. By the time he was ready for his bar mitzva, he was an expert at "reading with his fingers."

"He was terrific," Father Sutcliffe exclaimed. "I was the one who was nervous. I tore my handkerchief to shreds."

FATHER Sutcliffe, blind from birth, is an instructor at the Jewish Braille Institute in Brooklyn. Since 1958, he has been teaching blind persons, young and old, how to enrich their lives through braille.

"My first pupil was a blind cantor," said the Father. "He lost his sight because of diabetes. He was easy to teach."

LEARNING Hebrew braille is a slow, painstaking process. Regular braille must be mastered first. Then the Hebrew braille, which is written from left to right because of the format of the braille book, is learned bit by bit. Basic grammar, and a simple knowledge of the Hebrew braille alphabet is first taught. As the student progresses, vocab-

ulary and reading exercises are added. It usually takes about four months before the student can begin to read Hebrew braille.

"I remember a 62-year-old gentleman from Williamsburgh who had to learn English before I could teach him braille," Father Sutcliffe said. "When it came time to learn Hebrew braille, he progressed very nicely. Tears came to his eyes when he could first read the scriptures in Hebrew."

Hormats Is Chemical Warfare Chief

BALTIMORE (P.O.) — The army chemical center announced Saul Hormats of Baltimore has been appointed director of development of the chemical warfare laboratories at Edgewood, Md.

He is the first civilian to be appointed to this top secret position in which he will be responsible for the development of all chemical munitions and defense devices for the United States.

Catholic Vicar Says 'I Shall Learn Hebrew'

HAIFA (P.O.) — "I intend to learn Hebrew. Then I will be able to tell you more exactly whether my coming is a sign of impending relations between the Vatican and Israel," Bishop Pier Chiappero, new Vicar-General of the Latin Church in Israel said here.

The Bishop is the first church dignitary of such rank to be appointed to serve in Israel by the Holy See.

Study Relationship of Medicine And Jewish Law In New York

NEW YORK (P.O.) — A group of doctors and medical students here is finding out how Jewish law affects their profession.

"The Seminar of Rabbinic Sources on Medical, Moral Problems" is jointly sponsored by the Fifth Avenue Synagogue and the "Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists."

Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovitz, head of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, said "By consulting original sources, this group will be a workshop in which rabbinical and medical opinions are exchanged on problems and pro-

IBM, Cosmetic Firm Placed on Blacklist

NEW YORK (P.O.) — Two internationally known American companies have been placed on the Arab League's "Israel Boycott" blacklist, but have not been informed of the action.

International Business Machines World Trading Corporation and Helena Rubinstein Inc., the two companies blacklisted, learned of the Arab move in a Reuters dispatch last week.

J. E. Murphy of I.B.M. said that the company would take no action until they had official word either from the Arab League or from their own representative in Cairo.

A Helena Rubinstein official said that the blacklisting was "not of too much importance. It is just another of many Arab protests that we have received in the past."



Reviewing Israeli Troops

The last year or two has seen a constant interchange of Israelis and representatives from Afro-Asian bloc countries. This Ceylonese Minister is seen reviewing Israeli troops in Jerusalem.

Despite \$2,000,000 Will

LEGAL BATTLE LEAVES YESHIVAS OUT IN COLD

By DAVID WACHSTOCK

NEW YORK (P.O.) — The sad and tragic story of how a badly-drawn will eat up nearly half of a two million dollar legacy to Yeshiva and other charitable institutions was revealed here.

The legacy is that of Phillip Schoenfeld, a self-made Orthodox millionaire, who died in 1954.

Five and a half years later not one penny has been received by the Yeshivas.

Schoenfeld had made provisions in his will for the payment of \$264,000 to some special charities, friends and relatives. The rest of his estate he directed to be held in a trust fund for the benefit of the Yeshivas.

Annual payment ranging from \$50 to \$1,500 were to be made to individual Yeshivas.

He asked the Yeshivas to announce each year his gift at their annual dinner.

He did not, however, make this a condition for receiving the money.

At the suggestion of Judge Maximilian Moss, Surrogate of Kings County, the Yeshivas decided to change the will from a trust fund to a lump sum payment.

Judge Moss has instructed the executor of the will to effect an immediate 25 per cent distribution of the funds to the Yeshivas.

He noted sadly, however, that they are so many bills pending that half of the estate will probably go for commissions and fees for lawyers.

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Council of Jewish Women Has Been Vital Aid to Israeli Education

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—An American Jewish organization which has had no particular interest in or relationship to the State of Israel—an organization which is generally known as a non-Zionist group,



Alpert

has in recent years been responsible for affecting a deep and far-reaching influence on basic elements of education and social welfare in Israel. This organization is the National Council of Jewish Women.

THE COUNCIL has had a long and honorable history of service on the American scene. Its program of aid to immigrants in the United States is a distinguished record of which it may well be proud, but as Mrs. Frank Cohen pointed out not long ago, an organization can not live only on the momentum of its achievements in the past; it must adapt to changing circumstances, and this the Council has done with dynamic vitality.

I have been an admirer of the Council's overseas scholarship program ever since it was first called to my attention some years ago, and here in Israel I have had ever-increasing opportunity of noting how significant

has been the effect of this program.

THE PRINCIPLE is simple. One and two year all-expense scholarships are provided to enable selected personnel to come to the United States and obtain advance education or practical training in wide areas of education and social welfare work. Some 164 men and women have received these fellowships. They have come from the Jewish communities of 15 different countries, including France, Belgium, Holland, Morocco, South American republics and even countries in eastern Europe, but Israel has had the lion's share, with over a hundred recipients. It is significant of the care exercised in selecting the candidates, that over the period of years that this program has been in effect, practically every individual has returned to his field of activity, and has continued to render service to his community.

ISRAEL'S problems have been unique. The introduction of high Western standards of education as well as the social level of a twentieth century civilization into the lives of hundreds of thousands of persons who have come from countries of retarded development have made necessary special attention to curriculum, school administration, family relationships, psychological services, etc. Everywhere in Israel—

in the Ministry of Education, in the kibbutz movement, in municipal offices, in Hebrew University, Council scholarship recipients are to be found in key positions, and apply the training and experience which they have obtained in the United States, in grappling with the problems of the day.

These people wear no medals. They are not decorated with plaques bearing the name of the organization which sponsored them. Each one is, nevertheless, a living tribute to the thoughtful and planned generosity of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Schayes Highest Scorer In Cage History

SYRACUSE (P.O.) — Dolph Schayes of the Syracuse Nats became the highest scoring basketball player in history. He went over the 15,000-point mark in a recent National Basketball League tilt.

Jewish Freshman Class Prexy Suspended From Office

SEATTLE (P.O.) — Suspension of a Jewish student at the University of Washington from the presidency of the Freshman class has touched off a university investigation to determine whether bigotry was a factor in his removal.

The Judiciary Committee suspended Bruce Osterman, 18-year-old student from San Francisco, who won the office as the only non-fraternity candidate. While campaigning in fraternity row, several students obviously carried away by the drama of the campaign peppered him with firecrackers and daubed a swastika on the truck he was driving.

OSTERMAN reacted to the swastika incident with what was described as an obscene gesture. It was on this basis that he was suspended from the presidency of the freshman class.

Dr. Charles E. Odegaard, University President, has ordered the Dean of Students to investigate the incident and to determine the extent of bigotry on the school's campus.

MEANWHILE, Osterman's suspension has set off a wave of student resentment. Reflecting

the feeling was an editorial by the Washington Daily, student newspaper, which said, in part, "We are ashamed to be a part of a university and a society which condemns others while it washes its own hands in the same muck of intolerance and bigotry."

Ike Vetoes U.S. Arms For Israel

WASHINGTON (P.O.) — President Eisenhower said the United States will not sell arms to Israel even though he was well aware of continued Soviet-bloc arms shipments to the Arab states.

At his weekly press conference he also rejected the idea of a possible American-Israel mutual security pact.

Eisenhower made these comments in answer to a question by POST and OPINION Washington Chief Lillian Levy.

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Boston Jewish Community Condemns Released Time Plan

BOSTON (P.O.)—Serious harm has been done to Boston Hebrew schools through the introduction of the Released Time plan in the Boston Public School system, the Boston Jewish Community Council charges.

Parents of Jewish children in 10 Boston public schools received notification of the availability of Released Time Instruction for their children.

The Boston Bureau of Jewish Education's records have indicated that in the 1940's many Jewish parents were willing to

substitute the "superficial" religious education of one hour a week — as offered under the Released Time plan — for the education in depth provided by Boston's Hebrew Schools, the Council's prexy, Aaron J. Bronstein declared.

"It is obvious," Bronstein said, "that the 15 to 20 hours of instruction at the Hebrew schools after regular public school classes is far more effective than the watered down, one hour a week Released Time plan," the Boston Jewish Times reported.

Blumenthal Named Charlotte's Church Layman of The Year

CHARLOTTE (P.O.)—Widely-known Jewish businessman and philanthropist, I. D. Blumenthal has been named the Charlotte Observer's first Church Layman of The Year.

The Jewish leader was selected by a panel of six Christian judges — two Presbyterians, a Baptist, Catholic Episcopalian and a Methodist.

In 1953 he established the Blumenthal Foundation for the promotion of charity, religion, edu-

cation and better interfaith relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumenthal dedicated Wildacres, their 1,400 acre estate in the Blue Ridge Mountains, site of Adult Jewish Study Institutes, to the improvement of human relations.

Blumenthal originated the circuit-riding rabbi project, sponsored by the N. C. Association of Jewish Men, which is still looking for a young educator or rabbi to fill the vacant post.

Quarrels Rack Religious Party

TEL AVIV (P.O.) — The National Religious Party (Mizrachi-Hapoel-Hamizrachi) is racked by internal quarreling, the Tel Aviv dailies Haboker and Haaretz report.

The election of a Chief Rabbi of Israel has brought to the surface a long-standing rivalry between the present leader of the party, Moshe Shapiro, and kneset member, Itzhak Rafael. Rafael bears a grudge against Sha-

piro for having intervened opposed his nomination to the Minister of Religious Affairs post.

Because of this rift, Rabbi Shapiro supports the candidacy of Dr. Joseph Soloveitchik of Boston and Rafael favors Rabbi Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of the Israel Army. Both of them believe that a Chief Rabbi who will be friendly to one or the other will have a major influence in deciding the party's leadership.

IS THIS A GOOD SIGN?

One can sympathize with both Rabbi Jonah Weinberg, of the Jewish Culture Foundation at New York University, and the Jewish students at the same institution of higher learning.

THE STUDENTS completely ignorant of Jewish values, confuse them with ritual. They want to revise (P-O, Feb. 19) Judaism, according to the sample survey by Jewish POST and OPINION reporter Maxine Hochman, to fashion what they call "intellectual Judaism". Intellectual Judaism has an impressive sound to it, but none of the students seemed to want to elaborate on what they meant except to say that it would be a religion which their critical minds could accept.

Rabbi Weinberg bewailed the lack of knowledge about Judaism of the students, and blamed the parents. He pointed out that the heavy schedule of studies at the school left little time for interest in religious programs.

WHAT THE RABBI and the students had to say is not new. If the survey did not just reach only a special few who happened to have an interest in this so-called "intellectual Judaism," there is something here that may be important.

If the Jewish college student of today is interested enough in Judaism to want to revise it, this is a healthy sign. The Jewish college student of the past was an out and out escapist. He was just as ignorant of things Jewish as the college students which Rabbi Weinberg describes, but his solution was to turn his back altogether on religion.

STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS

The assurances by Irving Kane, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, that his organization "certainly was participating in talks going on between the Jewish Agency and the United Jewish Appeal" (P-O, Feb. 19) are most welcome.

SINCE THE FUNDS raised by the United Jewish Appeal, except in New York City, are contributed through the member agencies of the CJFWF, it is only proper that the CJFWF take a leading role in the negotiations.

Yet if the account in The POST and OPINION last week is accurate, then at least when the negotiations were instituted, the JFWF was not a constituent part of the new body which is being devised to replace the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

IT SEEMS MORE than evident that this is a gross miscalculation of the strength of, or a deliberate attempt to bypass, the CJFWF. If the new body being setup to disburse (control) the funds raised by the American Jewish community is to be constituted only of the Jewish Agency, the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal, then something is wrong, and weakness is being made to rule strength.

The strongest agency in the American Jewish community is the CJFWF. That it has not sought except in rare instances, as when the National Community Relations Advisory Council was established, to use this strength is all to the credit of the leadership of the CJFWF.

BUT THERE IS a time also to assert inherent rights, and who has more to say about what should be done with funds of the American Jewish community than the local federations and welfare funds whose members supply the bulk of these funds.

In all the U. S. Jewish community, the CJFWF is the one Jewish organization which doesn't need to throw its weight around to give the appearance of power. For in the CJFWF is the legitimate power of the democratic U. S. Jewish community.

WE HOPE THAT in this revision of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the CJFWF assumes its rightful place, and we suggest that an interested bystander at the negotiations is hardly a role for the CJFWF. It is in fact an insult.

WHY WASTE TEARS?

One of Harry Golden's most effective laugh-getters is the story he tells about how the Jews split the non-Jewish resorts asunder at the Catskills, and then began a campaign both north and south to finally drive the non-Jews even from such exclusive areas as Newport and Cape Cod in the north and on down the south Atlantic until even Florida became almost a solid Jewish resort.

WE'RE WILLING to express sympathy for those resorts which do not want Jewish clientele, but which do not know how to tell the Jews that they aren't wanted without being offensive.

But we aren't going to waste much tears over the plight of these resorts.

And we can't concur in the seemingly too speedy action of the American Jewish Congress (P-O, Jan. 22) in rushing to hail the New York State Commission Against Discrimination for its finding that "churches nearby" in resort ads is not discriminatory.

WE THINK IT is discriminatory, and we think that this is hardly a discreet way to let Jews know that they are not wanted.

If these resorts can't find a way to advise Jews that they are not Jewish resorts, then this is their problem, and we'll be darned if we're going to find alibis for them.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

YOU CAN PUT it down in your book that the next president of the Zionist Organization of America will be Max Bressler of Chicago. The powers that be have come around to recognize Max's abilities, and the mantle of leadership has been offered to him.

I saw Max last week in his office in Chicago.

He has an ambitious program outlined, and if he can get the promise of work from those who are supporting him, he'll no doubt accept, although he wouldn't vouchsafe that decision to me.

This is a case where the job is seeking the man, so he's in a position to make demands before accepting.

MAX'S PROGRAM is ambitious, as we said, and in view of the rearrangement of priorities for work for Israel in the American Jewish community, it is doubtful in our mind that he can achieve what he envisions. But it is always good to see someone make the effort.

Max analyzes the activity in the Jewish community this way: Our work in the hands of professionals, therefore it behooves the ZOA to hire competent professionals in the area of its important work.

Max has five fields of endeavor, all of which hinge on his ability to raise \$1 million to finance the work. For the ZOA, this is a staggering figure, but if anyone can get that sum for the ZOA, Max can do it.

MAX BELIEVES firmly in the Zionists working in every area of Jewish community endeavor—but as Zionists. He believes that Jewish education is a top job of the ZOA, but only in a capacity where it throws the weight of its membership behind efforts now in the field and provides additional support and momentum to the work now being done.

As for the fields of fund-raising such as the United Jewish Appeal, and bond-selling such as the Israel bond drive, Max would put the organization solidly behind these efforts,

but here again as an organization. In other words this work by ZOA members will be catalogued as Zionist work.

MAX ALSO SUPPORTS aliya, but does not necessarily believe that the effort should be limited to Americans moving to Israel for good. He is willing that those who so desire should move, but he accepts happily those who wish to go there for a few years to lend their efforts for that length of time to the task of building a Jewish state.

Max has a good record behind him. He almost single-handedly has built the Jewish University of America at Skokie, Ill., which is the Hebrew Theological College of old. But whether Max can revive the ZOA into the principal component of the American Jewish community which it was only a few short years ago, that we'll not stick our neck out on.

TIMES CHANGE, and seeking to move the clock back may develop into a lot of motion, but most of it will be wasted. What Israel needs today is American Jewish money for investments and American Jews for their knowhow and energy and ingenuity and background of democratic approach to the problems of a new nation. By trying to do what everyone else is already doing, we dilute our energies and then fail in the tasks which only the ZOA at this juncture in American Jewish history can be called on to perform.

LAST DECEMBER I had written to Rabbi Malcolm Stern, in Norfolk, Va., asking him if he could locate a correspondent (stringer) for us in his community. He turned to Norman Regner, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney L. Regner. Rabbi Regner, whom I've known for many years, is executive vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

On Jan. 18, young Norman, who was on the editorial staff of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, the morning newspaper, was killed in the Capital Airline crash while returning from Washington, D. C. where he had gone to celebrate his 26th birthday.

BOOKS

Greater Contributions of Jews In Music Told

JEW IN MUSIC, by Arthur Holde, \$5. (Philosophical Library.)

It is obvious to most men that both in the arts and sciences Jews maintain numbers and distinction beyond their proportion in the population.



Burstein

Mr. Holde has written — early Jewish music history, religious music and the cantor, religious changes, composers, conductors, musicologists, players and singers, inventors, collectors, anthologists, and institutions.

There are chapters on difficulties created by musical anti-Semitism (Wagner, Liszt, the Nazis), the remarkable musical development in the new Israel, and the question of a putative Jewish style in music. The bibliography is excellent. All important names appear; most mention is accorded such contemporary men of distinction as A. W. Binder.

BETWEEN THE LINES OF THE BIBLE, by Herbert S. Goldstein, \$3.95 (Crown).

It has long been the aim of Rabbi Goldstein to combat the attrition of Bible loyalties by various Jewish sectaries for more than a century. In his new volume he has implemented his previous activities in this direction by expounding all 613 of the biblical laws so frequently denigrated by critics in his own faith. He has presented them as

sound, sage, and worthy of retention and commendation, whether still operable today or not. Each law, positive or negative, is placed in its proper national and religious milieu, with its justification. The book thus is an education in Jewish law and religion, completely acceptable to traditionalists and enlightening to the deviationist.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE TALMUD, by Tibor H. Stern, \$3.

Rabbi Stern, now of Miami Beach, is a scholar of rare understanding of all matters talmudic. His thesis here is that the Jerusalem and Babylonian Talmuds are actually one, and should, therefore, some day be synthesized.

In depicting the writing and development of this literature he places great stress on the role of the rabbinic messengers — rabbanan dinechuse — in the joint venture of both centers. To

this end he has quoted generously from the entire text. The extent and validity of Stern's learning are patent; but the book will not carry the influence it merits because of its complete lack of English editing and insufficient proofreading.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING CHALAH, by Freda Charles, \$1.95 (Jonathan David).

A splendidly produced very young juvenile, with eight little sisters doing the preparation for Sabbath and Hanuka, and the littlest one discovering the chalah that got away. The large color drawings by Lil Goldstein are unsurpassed among modern illustrations for the younger Jewish generation.

The book can be shown and read to all pre-school and early grade children, and favorably adjudged by the accompanying joint venture of both centers. To

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Reader Hits P-O's Editorial Answer

Reconstructionist Magazine Backs Klutznick's Subsidized National Jewish Newspaper Proposal

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION
Does your editorial criticizing the Reconstructionist for its remarks on the Anglo-Jewish press presume that your readers have read the Reconstructionist?

Your editorial is a convincing illustration of the points made by The Reconstructionist. If your readers have not read it, you clearly hope that they will not. Very possibly, The POST and OPINION is the best attainable under free enterprise. This is a very convincing argument to try other methods, which might provide some content.

ELMER EISNER

Houston, Tex.

Editor's Note: Below is the Reconstructionist editorial.

It seems difficult for some people to understand that where everything is under the control of various groups as in the U. S. Jewish community, the community's opportunity for free communication is submerged to the whims of the controlling groups.

The choice of a good paper whether controlled or not is not the choice here at all. For a good paper is impossible where the editorial policy is dictated. An example is the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which is so fearful of control from so many sources (it actually owes the Jewish Agency in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and receives subventions from many local Jewish communities) that it sometimes doesn't know whether to print an item or not for fear of offending some Jewish leaders.

The low state of Jewish community life in the U. S. today has never been better illustrated than in this demand for solving a serious lack in the Jewish community by the call which has become Tora — money. Now because a national Jewish weekly has not sprung full blown from the head of Jupiter, and takes time to develop under a free press system, the call goes out again and the press would be corrupted, these people would have it, in the same way that almost every other phase of Jewish activity has been corrupted — by money.

We here at least intend to fight to the last for the lone remaining stronghold of independence — the Anglo-Jewish press.

DO WE NEED A NATIONAL NEWSPAPER?

The Jewish gentlemen of the press took umbrage at Philip Klutznick's recent proposal that a really good national newspaper of Jewish interest ought to be organized. What did the distinguished Jewish leader mean, that Jewish journalism today isn't all it should be? A horrible thought! Every editor of every Anglo-Jewish paper believes (or likes to believe) that his paper is the answer to the prayer for the American equivalent of the (London) Jewish Chronicle. How dare Mr. Klutznick say that we need a "vital national Jewish publication." His proposal was published in the Sentinel, of Chicago. "With all our superior numbers and vastly greater resources (we) have never been able to approach this standard (of the Chronicle)," he said.

Not being a newspaper ourselves, we are not the least bit inhibited about agreeing with Mr. Klutznick. With all due respect to our fellow-editors, we concur in the opinion that American-Jewish journalism is mediocre. The formats are either slick or sloppy. The style of writing is un-

distinguished. The editors are often woefully ignorant of Judaism. And the front pages too often feature the physiognomies of big donors, and too rarely even the names of spiritually influential personalities. News reports are frequently distorted, remarks quoted out of context, tempests in teapots are magnified into major controversies, and readers are treated as though they were a bunch of unintelligent illiterates.

The kind of paper American Jewry needs is one that would provide the scattered communities of this country with a genuine channel of communication. New Yorkers know exactly what that means when they speak about the New York Times. It is generally assumed that alert citizens, by noon each day, have read the Times; they can assume in one another a familiarity with its main contents. The Times is the common experience; it forms the common bond. English Jewry have it in the Chronicle. The Christian Science Monitor serves that purpose for its readers. If you believe the ads, the Bulletin in Philadelphia is another example. Jews do not get to know what is going on in the world of Jewry. Sensational events are sometimes reported — briefly, inadequately. But the day by day life of Jews in other lands, and even within the United States is rarely described. Only life in Israel is accorded that kind of reportage.

In these days of radio and TV, newspapers have become more and more like magazines, offering long range interpretations and insights, featuring analysis and comment. Anglo-Jewish papers, by and large, are weakest in these areas. The result is that most Jews who receive these papers are poorly informed. What is worse, they get such an uninterested picture of Jewish life that they will have none of it. If our readers think us too harsh, let them try to interest a bright college student in the average Anglo-Jewish weekly. Judging

from them, none would suspect that serious thinking goes on in some Jewish circles, that worthwhile books are being written, that ethical and religious questions are being pondered by first rate minds. And until we can convince the intellectually gifted young Jew (and there are thousands of them, *ken yirbu*) that there is a place in Jewish life for the intellectually gifted, he will stay where he now is, on the side-lines, sometimes looking in.

We wish Mr. Klutznick well. We hope he succeeds in attracting those 15 or 20 American Jews who are free of organizational ties and who may be prepared to risk some capital for the enterprise he describes. In the meantime, we can recommend to the serious and the literate a magazine that, with this issue, concludes 25 years of publication — the one he is reading.

Asks What Ike Will Do With Tora

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION

I note an item in the Feb. 12, P-O edition concerning the presentation to President Eisenhower of a 100-year old Torah from a synagogue in Germany. I think this is a Chillel Ha-shem. The Tora is not an item to be gifted to any individual. It is a synagogue perquisite, and there are laws governing its disposition. What will Eisenhower do with this containment of the word of God—display it in the chapel of the White House, or in a museum on his farm?

RAHAMA LEE

Director of Public Relations
Women's League for Israel

Ministers Give \$70 to Purchase Religious Items in Rabbi's Honor

Amounts Contributed

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Weirton Ministerial Assn., Weirton, W. Va.	70.00
Anonymous, New York, N. Y., in memory of Morris Isaacson	19.00
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Mrs. Sophie Belous, Brooklyn	2.00
Mrs. Beatrice Lande, Putnam Valley, N. Y.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Loewenthal, Chicago	2.00
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be used for shipping or packing charges. Every penny contributed will go to purchase either the Sifrei Tora or the tephillin.

The need for religious items by immigrants in Israel's new colonies led to an appeal by Minister of Religion, Jacob Toledano to American Jews for contribu-

tions of either funds or tephillin and Sifrei Tora.

All remittances should be made out to Religious Items Campaign, National Jewish Post and Opinion, P.O. Box 1633, Indianapolis, Ind. Each gift will be acknowledged in the POST and OPINION.

Says Zionist Leaders Should Feel Uncomfortable Unless They Plan Aliya To Israel

NEW YORK (P-O)—Dr. Israel Goldstein sharply defined the difference between a Zionist and a non-Zionist at the American League for Israel conference.

He said that every Zionist leader should be made to feel uncomfortable unless he were planning to move to Israel. Goldstein said he realized such a position does not spell out a program for a large mass movement; but that the Zionist movement must be ready to risk unpopularity in its support of a principles Zionist

Jewish Uganda Governor Pays Tribute To Israel

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Israel can make "a very important contribution" to the newly independent African countries in education, agriculture and research, Sir Andrew Cohen, former Governor of Uganda, said here.

Fundamentalists Keeps Thinkers From Religion

NEW YORK (P-O) — What keeps millions of moderns and intellectuals from religion is the insistence of the Fundamentalists that "every jot and tittle of the laws of the Scriptures were literally given by God from heaven to chosen individuals on earth."

"The difference between the Fundamentalist and the liberal," Rabbi William F. Rosenblum said "is that the former reduces God to the proportions of a glorified bookkeeper of moral and ethical infractions while the liberal conceives of Him as the model of perfect moral and ethical action which he must imitate in his own everyday life."

Reform Group Supports Deerfield Integration

CHICAGO (P-O)—A resolution supporting integrated housing with emphasis on the proposed project for mixed housing in Deerfield, a Chicago suburb, was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Chicago Federation, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Sabin To Do Monumental Cancer Research

PHILADELPHIA (P-O) — Dr. Albert B. Sabin, who developed the live-virus polio vaccine, has been given a six-year \$600,000 grant by the Federal Health Department to do research in cancer, which he feels may be caused by viruses.



She's A Winner

This pretty lass is Ziva Shomrat, Israel beauty queen runner-up, and runner-up in the International contest in London. Topping the list of prizes, she met an Israel student in London and came back to Israel with an engagement ring.

Producer Protest as Women Cancel Broadway Theatre Parties

NEW YORK (P-O) — A trite, harmless little Broadway comedy stirred up a hornets nest when several local Jewish organizations cancelled contracts for theatre parties because of charges that its author was a Nazi collaborator.

The author, Felicien Marceau, vigorously denied the charges in Paris and rushed word to the play's Broadway sponsors that would defend himself in an "extensive statement."

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE for Israel followed the Westchester Shore Section of the National Council of Jewish Women in can-

celling its theatre parties for "The Good Soup."

Several other organizations threatened to break their theater-party contracts.

It is alleged that Marceau, originally a Belgian national under the name of Lodewijk Albert Leonia Servaas Carette, was sentenced in absentia in Brussels in 1946 for attempting to supply aid to the Nazis during the war.

Garson Kanin, who adapted the play and David Merrick, the producer, issued a statement saying:

"We know of no reason why Marceau's work should not be produced in the United States. We have seen no proof of the ac-

cusations made against him and trust his oath that he is not and never was a Nazi, a collaborator, anti-democratic, pro-German or anti-Semitic."

MERRICK said: "I will not let anyone out of a contract. We will sue. There are no grounds for canceling. These organizations should be happy that they've finally picked a show that looks as though it has a chance of being a hit. Some of these same people have been buying and selling merchandise like cars and cameras made by ex-Nazi manufacturers in Germany. Why don't they stoop selling and buying

them? Marceau hasn't even been near being a Nazi."

Rabbi Jay Kaufman, vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which represents 585 Reform Temples, said no entertainment should be judged on the basis of alleged political affiliations of its creator and that "Judaism's ethical teachings forbid such trial by boycott."

HE ADDED, the New York Times reported, that according to reports his organization had received Marceau's comedy was "frivolous and transitory" and that "other plays should lay prior claim to the attention of religious and other serious groups."

Asked for comment on Rabbi Kaufman's statement, Merrick said:

"Rabbi Kaufman is quite right in saying the play is frivolous.

Arabs Fear 'Third Round'

PHILADELPHIA (P-O) — The Arabs will not risk a "third round" with Israel, Major Yehuda Arbel, assistant military attache of the Israel Embassy in Washington said here.

He stated that Israel must avoid war, if possible, and win quickly and decisively, if war comes.

although frivolous with a point, and is designed only as entertainment. It is definitely not "J.B." I'm glad Rabbi Kaufman brought up the point, I was beginning to fear that people might think that "The Good Soup" was a political play, rather than the comedy, which it is."

Photos of Current Jewish Interest



Rabbis For World Jewry

Overseas student contingent at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati this year is the largest in the 85-year history of America's seminary of Reform Judaism. Enrolled are a dozen men from nine lands abroad. Front to rear, David Powell, Toronto; Shmuel Kehati, Jerusalem; Saul Joel, Bombay; Laszlo Berkowitz and Leslie Sirtes, Hungary; Hiroshi Okamoto, Tokyo; Michael Goulston, London; Don Berlin, Toronto; Gerald D. Steinberg, Manitoba; Mordecai Shreiber, Montevideo; Leon Klenicki, Buenos Aires, and John Levi, Melbourne. Okamoto, a visiting student, hasn't finalized his career plans. His goal is to learn more about Judaism and he's taking many rabbinic department courses.



Moses and The Tablets

"Moses and the Tablets" by Ben-Zion, recently donated to The Jewish Museum of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America by Herman L. Blum of New York City.



Trouble On The Border?

You would never know about the tension on the Israel-Syrian border from looking at this friendliness at the Mandelbaum Gate. The Jordan Legionnaires standing by the famous Dragon's Teeth tank barriers seem to be more interested in the Israeli border cop than trouble on the border.



Henrietta Remembered

For the first time, the New York Board of Education named a school for a Zionist leader. The school was named for the late Henrietta Szold (1860-1945), founder of Hadassah and the first administrator of Youth Aliya. Shown at cornerstone setting ceremonies are (l. to r.) Dr. Jacob Greenberg, deputy city superintendent of schools; Mrs. Leonard Cohen, Hadassah national membership chairman; Charles H. Silver, president of the New York Board of Education; Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah and Mrs. Saul Katz, chairman of "Hadassah Mont-